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New USCIS Process for Venezuelans

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Dear Colleague:

On October 12, 2022, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) [announced](#) a new migration enforcement process for Venezuelan nationals. This Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) seeks to clarify the eligibility status of those Venezuelans paroled into the United States through this process.

New Parole Process for Venezuelans

Beginning October 18, 2022, U.S.-based supporters may initiate the online application process on behalf of eligible Venezuelan nationals and their non-Venezuelan immediate family members, who are outside of the United States and lack U.S. entry documents, to be considered on a case-by-case basis for advanced authorization to travel to the United States for a temporary period of parole for up to two years. To participate in this process, Venezuelan nationals must:

- Have a supporter in the United States who will provide financial and other support;
- Undergo and clear robust security vetting;
- Meet other eligibility criteria; and
- Warrant a favorable exercise of discretion.

Please visit the DHS U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) web site for more information on this new [process for Venezuelans](#).

Eligibility for ORR Benefits and Services

While this new Venezuelan parole process is similar to the recently implemented Uniting for Ukraine, at this time, Venezuelan parolees are not eligible to receive ORR-benefits and services. As parolees, Venezuelans who arrive to the U.S. under this process are eligible to apply for work authorization and social security numbers.

For questions about the new USCIS process for Venezuelans, please visit www.USCIS.gov/Venezuela. For questions about this DCL, please contact ORR's Refugee Policy Eligibility Email at

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Thank you,

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